Claims of 1984 Riot Victims

1232. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of claims for loss of properties have not yet been settled even after a lapse of 10 years of 1984 Delhi riots;

(b) what is the number of claims settled and total amount paid and what is the number of claims unsettled and amount involved in the claims;

(c) whether it is a fact that Shri C. Narsimahulu Rao, Press Photographer's claim No. 5-5 (103-A) and No. (116) Relief DC/90/2380 dated 20-12-90 of around Rs. 4.00 lakhs has not yet been settled although Prime Minister's office replied to C. N. Rao on 27th September, 1991 that Delhi Chief Secretary was asked to look into; and

(d) what are the reasons for such a long delay to settle the claims of Photographer who is on the street?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that 3415 claims for loss of uninsured commercial properties have been settled and a total compensation amounting to Rs. 4,77,52, 567/has been paid till date.

An amount of Rs. 553.68 lakhs has been paid as compensation in 3537 cases of damaged dwelling units. No claim is pending.

(c) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that the claim of Shri C. Narsimahulu Rao was rejected. On the request of Shri C. N. Rao, the case was re-examined and he was asked to furnish documents in support of his claim by 28-12-90. Although, Shri Rao appeared in DC Office, but he did not produce any documents. Shri Rao was again asked to file the documents by 31-12-90 which he again failed to file.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Misuse of Punjab Police Force

1233. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a classified report from the Madhya Pradesh Government expressing serious reservations about the manner in which the punjab Director General of Police Shri K. P. S. Gill had misused his force from Punjab for the Indian Hockey Federation elections in Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the details of the report and action taken if any thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Central Government has received a report from the Government of Madhya Pradesh stating that during his visit to Bhopal on 29-6-94 Shri K. P. S. Gill, DGP Punjab, was accompanied by a large contingent of police officers from Punjab. According to the State Government, the size and composition of Shri Gill's party appeared to exceed the prescribed security norms. However, there is no mention in the report that Shri Gill had misused the force for the Indian Hockey Federation election at Bhopal.

Rehabilitating the widows of BSF personnel

1234. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has agreed to provide all expenses for rehabilitating the widows of Border Security Force personnel from

the State who lost their lives during the course of performing their duty;

(b) if so, what is the number of BSF personnel from the State of Madhya Pradesh who were killed on duty during the last three years;

(c) what is the compensation and rehabilitation programme prepared by the State Government in this regard;

(d) whether one member of the family of each of the deceased persons has been provided a job in any other service; and

(e) how many families have so far been provided assistance under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Visit of Punjab police to other states

1235. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teams of Punjab Police visit other States in connection with investigation and apprehending the criminals who are wanted by Punjab Police in connection with the crimes committed in that State; and

(b) whether such a team visited West Bengal recently, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Required details are being ascertained from the Government of Punjab and would be laid on the Table of the House.

News item regarding foreigners in Assam

1236. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Assam sitting on power-keo" and "No foreigners in Assam, says Saikia" published in 'The Hindustan Times' (Delhi Edition) of 19th June, 1994 and 2nd July, 1994 respectively;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's reaction to the said two news-items; and

(d) whether Government propose to initiate any remedial action in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Assam has informed that its attention had been drawn to the news items published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 19.6.94 and 2.7.1994. The news item was clarified by the State Government through a Press Release. It was clarified that checking infiltration from across the border was the responsibility of the Border Security Force. The State Government was extended cooperation in building border fencing and border roads. The Press Release also denied that the foreigners were made voters as the electoral rolls revision was being done as per Election Commission guidelines. In respect of the news item of 2.7.1994, it has been clarified by the State Government that while answering question in a Press Release the Chief Minister had expressed the feeling that the census figure which indicated a lower population growth rate in Assam than in the country as a whole did not show any unusual population growth in the State. The Chief Minister suggested that going by the census figure it could not be concluded that Assam was full of foreigners.